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SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATION INITIATIVES ON TANKER SAFETY AND  
POLLUTION PREVENTION: PREPARATIONS FOR PLENIPOTENTIARY  
CONFERENCE IN LONDON FEBRUARY 6-17, 1978

REF: A. STATE 296444, B. STATE 60283

1. ON DECEMBER 16, EMBOFF MADE REPRESENTATION TO YAVUZ  
ERGUVEN, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MATTERS RELATED TO  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL MARITIME CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION  
(IMCO) AT MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PER INSTRUCTIONS  
IN REFTEL (A).

2. EMBOFF EXPRESSED CONTINUING USG INTEREST IN GOT REACTION  
TO IMCO DOCUMENTS FOR PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE AND  
PROVIDED COPIES OF REFTELS A AND B TO ERGUEN. AFTER  
INDICATING THAT GOT INTENDS TO PARTICIPATE IN PLENIPOTENTIARY,  
ERGUVEN EXPRESSED GREAT INTEREST IN US PROPOSALS ON BOTH  
TANKER SAFETY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION. HE BELIEVED  
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THAT GOT HAD NOT YET RECEIVED DOCUMENTS ON JOINT MSC/  
MEPC MEETING OF OCOBER 10-21.

3. BECAUSE ERGUEN INDICATED THAT GOT FAVORABLY  
INCLINED TOWARD US PROPOSALS, EMBOFF URGED GOT TO  
GIVE THEM SERIOUS CONSIDERATION AND ASKED HOW SOON  
EMBASSY COULD EXPECT TO HEAR GOT REACTION. ERGUEN

PROMISED THAT GOT WILL STUDY US PROPOSALS VERY CLOSELY, BUT CAUTIONED THAT TURKEY'S SUPPORT WOULD DEPEND UPON HOW GREAT FINANCIAL BURDEN OF PROPOSALS WOULD BE FOR TURKEY. PROPOSAL FOR DOUBLE BOTTOM TANKERS, FOR EXAMPLE, MAY BE TOO EXPENSIVE FOR A DEVELOPING COUNTRY SUCH AS TURKEY, HE SAID.

4. ERGUVEN PROMISED TO INFORM EMBASSY OF GOT POSITION ON US PROPOSALS AS WELL AS COMPOSITION OF GOT DELEGATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, WHICH HE ESTIMATED WOULD BE IN LATE JANUARY.

ERGUVEN POINTED OUT THAT, AS GOT DELEGATE TO IMCO SUBCOMMITTEE ON RADIO COMMUNICATIONS, HE IS PARTICULARLY ANXIOUS FOR TURKEY TO BE CHOSEN AS RADIO COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR FOR AREA III (MEDITERRANEAN, AEGEAN, AND BLACK SEA). TURKEY HAS ARRANGED FOR TEN COUNTRIES TO SUPPORT ITS CANDIDACY TO BE COORDINATOR, BUT SPAIN HAS LINED UP ELEVEN VOTES FOR ITS OWN CANDIDACY. HE DID NOT INDICATE HOW USG COULD BE OF ASSISTANCE TO HIM, BUT HE DID MENTION THAT NEGOTIATIONS IN THIS SUBCOMMITTEE HAD BEEN DRAGGING FOR TWO YEARS, EVER SINCE GREEK DELEGATION SUBMITTED MAP THAT INDICATED ITS TERRITORIAL WATERS EXTENDING ALMOST TO TURKISH SHORE IN AEGEAN SEA REGION.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE POUCH A-1345 SOONEST BECAUSE UNCLASSIFIED

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EMBASSY NEVER RECEIVED IT, AND ERGUVEN REQUESTED ANY FURTHER DOCUMENTATION WE COULD PROVIDE, IF NOT ALREADY SENT AMONG IMCO DOCUMENTS. IN ADDITION, PLEASE POUCH MOST COMPREHENSIVE US LAW CONCERNING MARINE POLLUTION, BECAUSE ERGUVEN REQUESTED SUCH A LAW SO THAT TURKEY COULD CONSIDER IT IN DRAFTING LAW TO PROTECT MEDITERRANENA, AEGEAN, AND BLACK SEA MORE EFFECTIVELY THAN UNDER CURRENT TURKISH LAW.  
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